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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

and

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 38 - 115 as follows:

38. A continuous flow peritoneal dialysis system, comprising:

a dialysate supply and removal system capable of conveying fluid to and from a patient;

a catheter fluidly connected to the dialysate supply and removal system, the catheter having implantable first and second lumens, the first lumen in a side-by-side arrangement relative to the second lumen, the catheter so positioned and arranged when in use in a peritoneal cavity that fluid flows out of the first lumen in an upper area of the peritoneal cavity and into the second lumen in a lower area of the peritoneal cavity.

39. The continuous flow peritoneal dialysis system of claim 38, wherein the dialysate supply and removal system is an automated peritoneal dialysis system.

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